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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – OCTOBER 2014 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.32 billion pounds in October, down 4 percent from the 4.51 billion pounds produced in October 2013.

**Beef production**, at 2.17 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, down 9 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,355 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 7.7 million pounds, 22 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 43,300 head, down 38 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 59 pounds from last year, at 304 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.13 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.95 million head, down 4 percent from October 2013. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year, at 286 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 2 percent from October 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,700 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 3 pounds from October a year ago.

**January to October 2014 commercial red meat production** was 39.5 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

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